

Kitsap Conservation District

Other Accomplishments

Kitsap Conservation District completed numerous Best Management Practices, agricultural designs, and community education events/presentations on agriculture and natural resources. KCD completed:

- 25 Conservation Plans
- 388 on-site visits
- 56 BMP designs
- Over 80 installed BMPs
- Responded to over 700 requests for assistance



Heavy Use Area Protection



Boy Scouts at Tree Sale

2008 Feature Accomplishment

Knotweed Weed Control Program

Resource Challenge

Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*) is a fast growing, insidious plant that invades aquatic habitat, overcomes native plants, and consumes water needed for streams. Knotweed is high on noxious weed lists and poses a serious threat to natural resources if left uncontrolled causing millions of dollars worth of property damage. Under the state's Noxious Weed Laws, landowners are required to work to control their Knotweed infestations.



Project Summary and Results

Kitsap Conservation District (KCD) was contracted to coordinate eradication of Knotweed along Bainbridge roadways and city right-of-ways. An inventory was completed by volunteers who discovered over 6,200 linear feet of Knotweed along the Island's roadways. Kitsap Conservation District believes education is the first step to controlling this invasive plant problem in our area. KCD and the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Program (KCNWCP) began their joint effort to eradicate knotweed from Bainbridge Island right-of-ways. This year, staff surveyed last year's treatment sites and found that knotweed stem density was reduced by about 95% on all the treatment sites, and complete eradication was achieved on 30% of the sites. Thanks to a Washington State Department of Agriculture grant, KCD is now able to extend treatment coverage onto private property

Key Project Partners

City of Bainbridge Island, WA State Dept. of Agriculture, Kitsap County Noxious Weed Program

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More Work To Do

Kitsap Conservation District is proud to announce it has purchased property to provide a centrally located permanent home and asset for the District. KCD looks forward to the years to come and growing programs in our new location.

